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This getting up every night with the baby, or some of the other children, is all wrong.

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7:15 P. M. Passenger for Troy, Albany and New York.
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7:40 P. M. Express for Troy, Albany and New York.
7:50 P. M. Express for Troy, Albany and New York.
8:00 P. M. Express for Troy, Albany and New York.
8:10 P. M. Express for Troy, Albany and New York.
8:20 P. M. Express for Troy, Albany and New York.
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8:40 P. M. Express for Troy, Albany and New York.
8:50 P. M. Express for Troy, Albany and New York.
9:00 P. M. Express for Troy, Albany and New York.
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The Banner and Reformer.

With the first issue of The Banner and Reformer the readers of the united papers will doubtless expect some outline of the policy to be pursued. The policy of the new management is simply this—to give Bennington and Bennington County the best newspaper possible, and one that will be a credit to this, one of the finest sections of New England.

The Banner and Reformer has no pet plan of reforming the world in six months. Its first and legitimate effort will be to furnish the legitimate news of the county and state and serve it as attractively as possible and with such editorial comment as conditions and situations, as they arise, shall suggest. The editor cannot say in advance what policy the paper will pursue on issues yet to be raised, but as they come they will be met as consistently and fairly, and at the same time, as vigorously as the mental capacity of the editor renders possible.

The editorial columns of a newspaper are but a reflection of the mind of the editor and therefore the opinion of the editor of this paper on some of the important questions of the day may be of interest to the readers.

As to national issues, he is a believer in expansion and the acquisition of new territory wherever such expansion can be brought about consistently with American honor. He believes in tariff reform by the wiping out of all duties of which advantage is taken to control production and enable the monopolists to make exorbitant profits at the expense of the consumers; he believes in government ownership of lines of transportation and communication and of natural products designed by the Creator for the good of all rather than for the enrichment of a few; in an army and navy commensurate with the dignity and importance of the United States as a world power; and above all, he believes in the encouragement of that splendid type of Americanism inherent in such men as President Roosevelt and the late Governor William E. Russell of Massachusetts and the untold thousands who emulate their example and who are peculiar to no one section and confined to no one party.

In state matters the editor believes in the new license law—not as by any means perfect—but as the only available remedy and substitute for a discredited and obnoxious system; in an increase of state expenses for the purpose of providing a state system of permanent highways that will prove a blessing and an economy for ages to come; in direct nominations by all parties; in a reform of our cumbersome and expensive grand jury system by which the state pays out a hundred thousand dollars a year to find out something already known; in a radical change in the system of taxation; in a more strict law against child labor; in weekly payment of wages by corporations; in municipal ownership of franchises and privileges, the value of which arise from the communities in which they exist.

He believes that Vermont is one of the best states in the Union and capable of being made one of the most prosperous and progressive, if the people will stop whining and get up and at the real problems of life. He believes that Bennington county is the best county in Vermont and that Bennington is the best town in the county, but that there is plenty of chance for improvement and that it is just as feasible to go forward as backward and much easier in the long run.

He does not expect to please everybody and does not want to. He makes no promises for the future except the one at the beginning of this article, to endeavor to give the town and county a real newspaper.

A newspaper cannot properly reflect the life of the community without the support and co-operation of the people and this the editor sincerely requests.

FRANK E. HOWE, Editor.

Estate of Freeborn Johnson.

Will Presented. In Probate Court, District of Vermont, ss.: Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, Vermont, on the 23rd day of Dec., A. D. 1907.

Early Risers
The famous little pills.

To Our Patrons.

With this issue the Bennington Banner and Bennington Reformer are combined and printed together as The Banner and Reformer. All advertising and subscription contracts will be carried out as nearly as possible. Of course in the process of consolidation there will be errors and omissions. To these we wish you to call our attention and your assistance in getting these matters straightened out will be sincerely appreciated.

There are on the two lists nearly 150 names of persons who have been taking both papers. On the combined list these names will appear but once and their subscriptions will be extended in proportion where paid in advance. In addition there are doubtless a few cases where one person in a family has been taking one paper and another person the other. We have no way of knowing these cases but if our attention is called will, when both are paid in advance, discontinue one and extend the other to make up the lost time.

Sincerely yours,
Frank E. Howe, Editor and Manager.

There is no more interesting organization in the South to-day than the Texas Farmers' Improvement Society, of which the "Texas Bookers" Washington, Robert L. Smith, is the head. This co-operative body recently held its seventh annual convention and the reports made at that meeting should cure a great deal of pessimism in regard to the industrial future of the negro in the South. The society is composed of 3,000 negro farmers who now own 50,000 acres of land, 8,000 head of cattle, and 7,000 horses and mules. It is waging an aggressive warfare against the crop-mortgage system, is introducing improved methods of farming, takes care of its sick and buries its dead. In his annual address Mr. Smith quoted from Secretary Hay's protest in behalf of the Roumanian Jews, to show his hearers what advantages they possess, and he was able to say, "In Texas we have no race problem, so far as governmental affairs are concerned. Where we are settled and own property, where we have established a reputation as industrious, peaceable, sober, right-thinking citizens, I venture to say that the public conscience would not permit advantage to be taken of us." Commenting on the meeting, the Galveston Daily News said: "One of the most pleasing features of this meeting was the excellent tone and the commonsense displayed in the speeches and addresses. The delegates all seemed to think Texas was the best place this side of Heaven, and that the whites and blacks could and would live together in perfect peace."—The Nation.

Ex-Gov John L. Barstow has written an open letter to the public in which he substantially claims that no procedure under the local-option act passed by the last legislature can be legally taken under the proposed referendum of February 3. The section particularly referred to is No. 100, which provides that the act shall take effect the first Tuesday in March, 1908, but if a majority of the ballots cast are marked "No" then the law shall not take effect until the first Monday in December, 1908. According to the law as passed, Sections 101, 102, 103, of the act will take effect from its passage. The question is whether a section which is not a law can bring other sections into effect. It has been suggested that the governor submit the question to the judges of the supreme court for their opinion. The general opinion is that the judges will hold that the intention of the act was plain and that it would be legal even if there was a technical omission.

Under a new law money loaned to a town at 3 per cent is exempt from taxation. Inasmuch as the tax rate in Bennington is nearly two and a quarter, this will give local capitalists an opportunity to realize as good as five and a quarter on their money and do the town a favor at the same time.

The Northfield News has sent out its annual calendar which bears the pictures of Governor McCullough, Lieutenant Governor Stanton, and also the Vermont Senators and Representatives in Congress. The News is always progressive.

Time to get under way in behalf of the new license law unless we are going to let the prohibitionists vote us down at the February referendum. The opponents of the law are well organized and fighting tooth and nail and expect to win.

The Christmas business at the Bennington postoffice and express office was the largest in history and this is a good idea to the financial situation of the community. Barring the shortage of coal, Bennington business is in good shape.

During the ten months that the Reformer has been under the present management it has made an increase

in circulation of 475. During the entire ten months there has not been a week that new names have not been added to the list. The gratifying feature of it has been too, that they have come without solicitation or canvassing.

The new year-to-day opening starts auspiciously for the state and nation. Never was America so great, powerful and prosperous. Never before did Vermont face better opportunities for advancement.

Supt G. W. Morrow of the anti-saloon league is to speak at South Shaftsbury Sunday morning and evening. Special trains will not be run from Bennington.

The many friends of G. H. Hausau, Esq., of Bennington, who are at present living in Lima, O., will be pleased to know of his recovery from that kidney disease. He writes: "I was cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure, which I recommend to all, especially to those who are usually similar to myself."—Quinlan's Pharmacy.

Would You Think It?

Would you think it possible that you could be disappointed in the face of a woman whose shapely shoulders, and beautiful hair suggest womanly perfection and beauty? Such disappointment comes not seldom when the face turned to you shows disfiguring blotches and blemishes. In general the cause of these eruptions is impure blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery purifies the blood, and removes the corrupt accumulations which cause disease. When the blood is cleansed, pimples, tetter, salt-rheum, boils, sores, and other results of impure blood, are perfectly and permanently cured.

"For three years I suffered with that dreaded disease eczema," writes Mrs. J. Koepf, of Herman, Oregon. "It was said to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which I did, and after I had taken fourteen bottles I was permanently cured. It has been a year since I stopped taking my medicine and it has never appeared since. I think your medicine a wonderful cure and hope others suffering as I did, will take it and be relieved of their suffering."

Some of the most remarkable cures effected by "Golden Medical Discovery," have been of scrofulous diseases. "I will forever thank you for advising me to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery," writes Mrs. Jas. Murphy, of Florida, Peachtree Co., Iowa. "It has cured me of chronic eczema and two years' standing. I had despaired for the trouble until I was completely discouraged. I also had chronic diarrhea for twelve years. I had good health, but I was in a great measure the funds for missions go to countries where the mercury does not get down in the bulb."

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is nothing "just as good" for diseases of the stomach, blood and lungs.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure dizziness and sick headache.

Est of Frederick Winslow

Will Presented. In Probate Court, District of Vermont, ss.: Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, Vermont, on the 10th day of Dec., A. D. 1907.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge. An instrument, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Frederick Winslow, late of Bennington in said district, deceased, being presented by Celia A. Winslow, the executrix thereof, named, for Probate, it is ordered by said Court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in Bennington, Vermont, on the 10th day of Jan., A. D. 1908, for hearing and decision thereon, and that this order be published three weeks successively in the Bennington Banner, a newspaper printed at Bennington, in this State, previous to said time of hearing.

By the Court,
JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

Notice to Sell Real Estate of John Hurley deceased

STATE OF VERMONT. In Probate Court, District of Vermont, ss.: Court, held at the Probate Office in Bennington, Vermont, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1907.

Present, John V. Carney, Judge. John Hurley, late of Bennington in said district, deceased, makes application to said Court for license to sell all of the real estate of said deceased, situate in the town of Bennington, for bonds and description reference may be had to the land records in the Town Clerk's office of the town of Bennington aforesaid, representing that the sale of said real estate is necessary for the payment of the debts of said deceased and charges of administration.

Whereupon it is ordered by said Court that said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office in Bennington, Vermont, on the 10th day of Jan., A. D. 1908, for hearing and decision thereon, and that this order be published three weeks successively in the Bennington Banner, a newspaper printed at Bennington, in this State, previous to said time of hearing, and that they may appear at said time and place, and if they see cause to object to said application, they may do so.

By the Court,
JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

Estate of Alexandra E. Clark

Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution. STATE OF VERMONT. At a session of the District of Vermont, ss.: of the Probate Court, held at the Probate Office, in Bennington, in said District, on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1907:

Present, John V. Carney, Judge. Will executed by Alexandra E. Clark, late of Bennington, in said district, deceased, presents her administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 10th day of Jan., A. D. 1908, for hearing and decision thereon. And it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested, by publication of the same in said district, successively in the Bennington Banner, a newspaper published at Bennington, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

Record whereof, it is ordered to be made.
A true record. Attest,
JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.
4th Dec. 1907. Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

WEST ARLINGTON

Frank Smith has a new horse. No coal in town and wood scarce. Longer days, more cold. Lord help us!

The steam mill of Smith & Wyman is in running order. Mr and Mrs Fred Haskins were at A. C. Morehouse's.

Mrs Frank Tefft has returned from a visit at Manchester. Time to turn over that new leaf now. Look out it is not too.

Mrs H. T. Eaton went to South Bethlehem for Christmas. Mr Tefft and daughter Jessie were down the river on Monday.

Mrs Fanny Morehouse is to teach in the lower district the spring term. Mrs H. T. Eaton expects to return from Albany Co. the last of the week.

C. W. Sherman and family from West Rupert were at R. G. McKee's. A surprise party was held at Mr and Mrs Frank Smith's on Tuesday evening.

Mr John Corey passed Christmas with his daughter, Mrs Dr Beattie, at Shushan.

Mr and Mrs Charles Young are out of town for a few weeks. At least, their house is closed.

Three young ladies are learning to set type at the printing office. Would we were young again.

Mr Edgar Mattison of North Bennington was a recent guest of his daughter, Mrs E. G. Farnham.

Apples are being taken to Shushan from Sandgate in large quantities. Many could be bought here if barrels could be found to pack.

The town auditors are expected to meet earlier than usual this year, not far from February 1st, instead of the 10th, as has been the custom.

Wednesday evening an oyster supper will be given at Red Mountain lodge rooms, proceeds to purchase chairs. The East Arlington Cornet band also have a supper and dance at Town Hall the same evening.

It is not our purpose to question their right, but with a family in town so poor they are sleeping on the floor with little or no covering, and burning a lamp without chimney, it would seem as if the foreign mission fund could well be used at home, since, in a great measure the funds for missions go to countries where the mercury does not get down in the bulb.

HOOSICK

Mrs Geo Cox is on the sick list. Miss Mary Clark is visiting in Troy. Mrs Chas Ratton and Miss Frankie Crandall are on the sick list.

Lewis Brown of New York is spending a few days with his father, R. C. Brown.

Master Frank Kean is visiting relatives at West Sand Lake for a week or ten days.

Samuel H. Bratt of East Deerfield, Mass., spent Christmas with his father, Herman H. Bratt.

Mr and Mrs Chas Coonradt spent Christmas with Mrs Coonradt's uncle at West Sand Lake.

Master Peir Willmarth, who has been confined to the house several weeks, is able to be out again.

R. C. Brown and three sons, Lewis, Arthur and Dewitt ate Christmas dinner with the Misses Crandall.

Mr and Mrs David Jepson and Mr and Mrs Myers Clapper spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs Frank Gallup.

Mr and Mrs W. S. Coons and daughter, Mary, spent New Year's with Mr Coons' father in Ballston Springs.

Mr and Mrs John Gordon and daughter Jennie spent Christmas with Mr Gordon's father, John Gordon of South Shaftsbury.

Mr and Mrs Allie Marshall will commence house keeping the first of the month in the A. H. Hawks tenement across the bridge on Pleasant st.

SOUTH DORSET

A. L. Bowen, who has walked on crutches for over a year, appears with out them again.

Two hundred and fifty Italians are working on the Dorset railroad and they expect to run cars as far as South Dorset by the 15th of February.

I notice that my old friend, B. L. Stillson, has severed his connections with the Banner and that the two Bennington papers will be united into one. Long have I known Stillson and my wishes are that he may prosper and that his shadow may never grow less or his usefulness never cease to help mankind.

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THE . . . NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
The condition and standing of American Life Insurance Companies, the comparative character and conservatism of their management, and the experience of policy holders, is fairly shown here. The total amount of new business, the gross income of the New York Life, the Equitable and the Mutual Life of New York, annually, equal or exceed that of all the other American Companies combined. The total insurance and total number of policies in force of these three colossal Companies on Jan. 1, 1902, was as follows:

| | NEW YORK LIFE. | MUTUAL LIFE. | EQUITABLE. |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Insurance in force, | \$1,395,299 | \$1,241,788,430 | \$1,170,206,725 |
| Policies in force, | 599,818 | 488,613 | 409,290 |

The total death claim for five years ending Jan. 1, 1902, were as follows:

| | NEW YORK LIFE. | MUTUAL LIFE. | EQUITABLE. |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| \$88,731,448 | \$74,572,195 | \$66,003,015 | |

During the five year period above named, the New York Life paid much more than one third of the total dividends to policy holders by the three named giant companies. The favorable mortality experience, the high character of the investments of the New York Life, no stocks or fluctuating securities being held by this great Company, whose entire assets have won the admiration and commendation of the ablest financiers of the world, coupled with splendid management in every detail of this Company's vast affairs, under the vigilant administration of John A. McCull, President, produce results unexcelled by any other Company.

Hon Wm F. Draper of Massachusetts, late United States Ambassador to Italy, who is heavily insured, recently writes the New York Life regarding his settlement of a 20 year endowment policy as follows: "I have collected endowment insurance on policies in several companies, and this settlement is the most satisfactory of all to date." The New York Life is paying, almost daily, matured endowment policies in Vermont and throughout the United States which return to fortunate policy holders more than 4 per cent compound interest as an investment, in addition to affording the best possible protection against death during the endowment period.

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